

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A file device that records a file to storage means divided among a plurality of blocks, comprising:

10 block allocation means for allocating
 blocks to record the file in the storage means;
 management information production means for
 producing management information designating blocks
 allocated by the block allocation means; and
15 storage control means for recording the
 files in the storage means after recording the
 management information produced by the management
 information production means in the storage means.

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2. The file device as claimed in claim 1,
wherein the storage control means attaches
information indicating a preceding block and
25 information indicating a size of data to be recorded
 in a block to the data recorded in the block and
 records to the storage means.

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3. The file device as claimed in claim 1,
wherein the storage control means updates the
management information so that, when a data-
35 unrecorded block occurs among the blocks allocated
 by the block allocation means when recording the
 file, the unrecorded block becomes an unused block.

4. The file device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the storage control means has storage sequence setting means for setting a storage sequence of data that makes up the file,

5 the data that makes up the file being allocated among blocks to be recorded by the block allocation means based on the sequence set by the storage sequence setting means and recorded to the allocated blocks.

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15 5. The file device as claimed in claim 2, having file readout means, such that when information indicating the preceding block does not indicate the preceding block as a result of the block being accessed in sequence depending on the management information, the file being read out, and
20 data being read out from the block, or when information indicating the size of the data recorded in the block is outside the actual block size range, the file readout means halts readout of the file and updates the management information so that
25 subsequent blocks become unused blocks.

30 6. A file access method that divides and records a file among a plurality of blocks, comprising:

a block allocation step for allocating blocks to record the file;
35 a management information production step for producing management information indicating blocks allocated in the block allocation step;

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a file storage step for recording the file;
and

a management information storage step for
recording the management information produced in the
5 management information production step.

10 7. The file access method as claimed in
claim 6, wherein the file storage step attaches
information indicating a preceding block and
information indicating a size of data to be recorded
in a block to each block that records the file, and
15 records.

20 8. The file access method as claimed in
claim 6, having a management information updating
step that updates the management information so that
when an unrecorded block occurs among the blocks
allocated in the block allocation step when
25 recording the file in the file storage step the
unrecorded block becomes an unused block.

30 9. The file access method as claimed in
claim 6, wherein the file storage step allocates
blocks that are to record data that makes up the
file in the block allocation step based on the
35 previously-set storage sequence of the data that
makes up the file and records to the allocated
blocks.

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10. The file access method as claimed in claim 7, having a file readout step such that when information indicating the preceding block does not indicate the preceding block as a result of the
- 5 block being accessed in sequence depending on the management information, the file being read out, and data being read out from the block, or when information indicating the size of the data recorded in the block is actually outside the block size
- 10 range, the file readout step halts readout of the file and updates the management information so that subsequent blocks become unused blocks.

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